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IN THE DRAWINGS

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 - ~~22~~²³. Please add the following new claim:

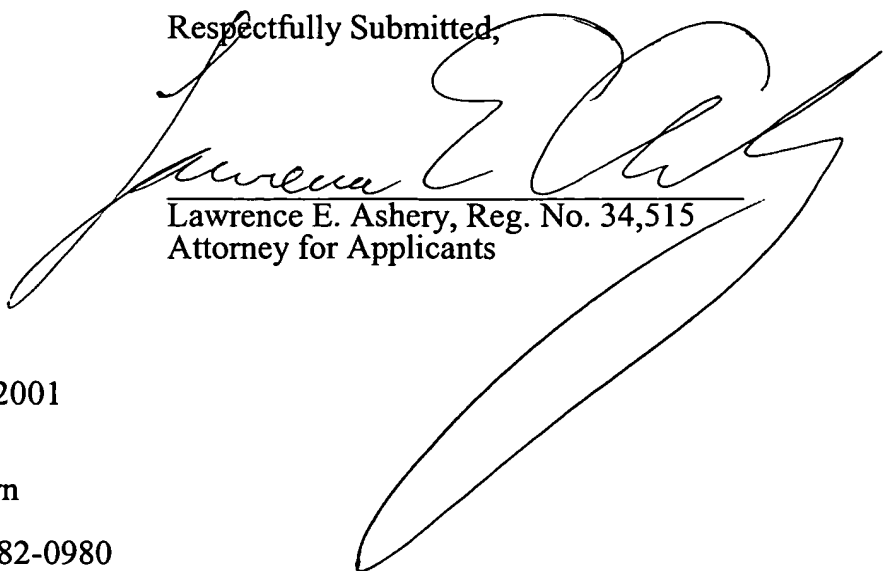
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24. (Newly Added) Apparatus for transmitting data on a transmission medium, comprising:

propagation delay identifier storage means for storing a propagation delay identifier which is used for bandwidth allocation;

maximum data size storage means for storing a maximum data size value which corresponds to maximum size of data included in a packet transmitted on said transmission medium; and

a pathway coupled between a) a further apparatus and b) said maximum data size storage means so that said maximum data size value is writable by a further apparatus.

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